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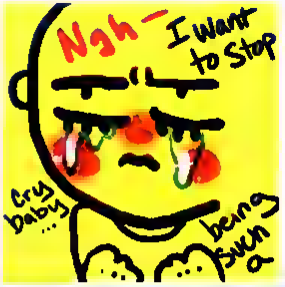

Message From the Author

Hey! It's been awhile. This time around, it's something of a heart-pounding suspense sort-of-story. Let me know what you think when you get to the end! It'll mean the world to me if you enjoy it even just a little bit.

As we move into the new year, I find one of my favorite things to do is to use microwavable face-masks--they feel super nice! (Hot towels are great, too.) Well, catch ya later! It was nice meeting you!

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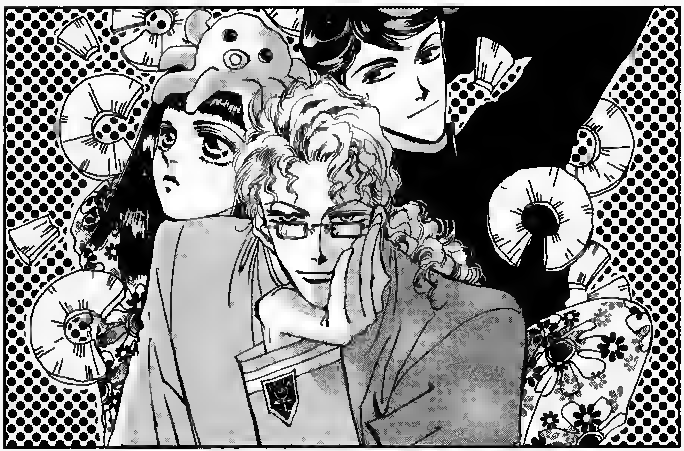

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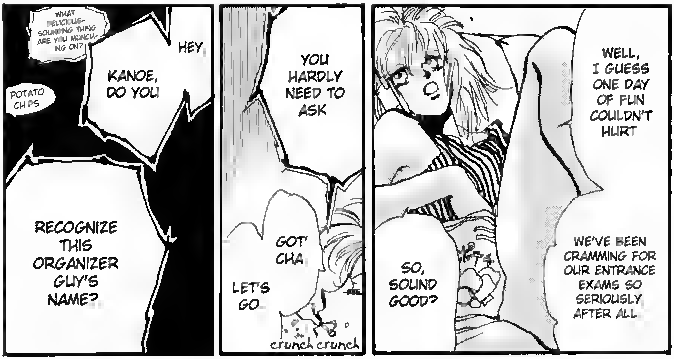
湾岸
wangann
ジャンクル
JUNGLE

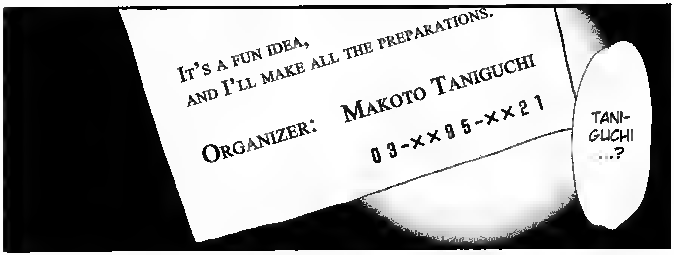
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
I RUN AND RUN
BUT I CAN'T ESCAPE..

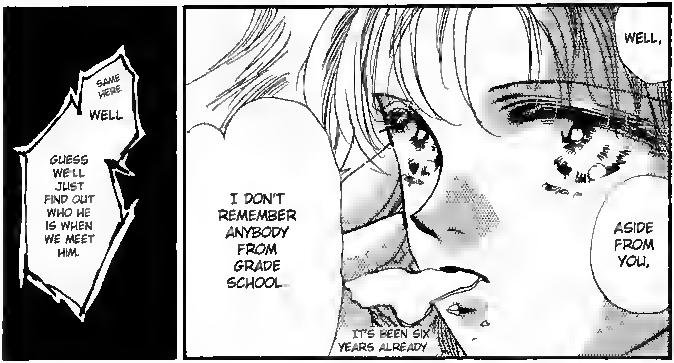
I CAN'T ESCAPE
THIS JUNGLE ...
IT ALL STARTED
WITH A SINGLE POST-CARD.
Class Reunion

ring ring ring ...
A FOURTH GRADE RE-UNION ?!
HELL YEAH!
HEY
OH, KONOE?
AH
YOU SAW IT?
YEAH, I GOT ONE TOO
YOU GONNA GO?
I'LL GO IF YOU'RE GOING.
WHAT'S IT GONNA BE?
KONOE'S STILL LIKE THIS ...
DECIDE THINGS ON YOUR OWN ONCE IN AWHILE!
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME EITHER WAY.
YOU GOIN'?


WHAT DELICIOUS-SOUNDING THING ARE YOU MUNCHING ON?
HEY, KANOE, DO YOU
POTATO CHIPS
RECOGNIZE THIS ORGANIZER GUY'S NAME?
YOU HARDLY NEED TO ASK
GOT' CHA
LET'S GO
crunch crunch
WELL, I GUESS ONE DAY OF FUN COULDN'T HURT
WE'VE BEEN CRAMMING FOR OUR ENTRANCE EXAMS SO SERIOUSLY AFTER ALL
SO, SOUND GOOD?

8AG POTATO CHIPS




SAME HERE
WELL
GUESS WE'LL JUST FIND OUT WHO HE IS WHEN WE MEET HIM.
WELL,
I DON'T REMEMBER ANYBODY FROM GRADE SCHOOL
ASIDE FROM YOU,
IT'S BEEN SIX YEARS ALREADY

I DECIDED TO GO
BECAUSE OF THE LOCATION.
RIGHT ON THE CITY WATERFRONT. THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED
FLOATING ISLAND OF DREAMS, WANGAN JUNGLE.
IT OPENED THAT DAY AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAD BEEN INVITED TO CELEBRATE.
IT WOULD OPEN FOR BUSINESS THE DAY AFTER

THE MAN-MADE ISLAND
IS CONNECTED TO LAND BY A SOLITARY BRIDGE. THE BUTTERFLY BRIDGE.

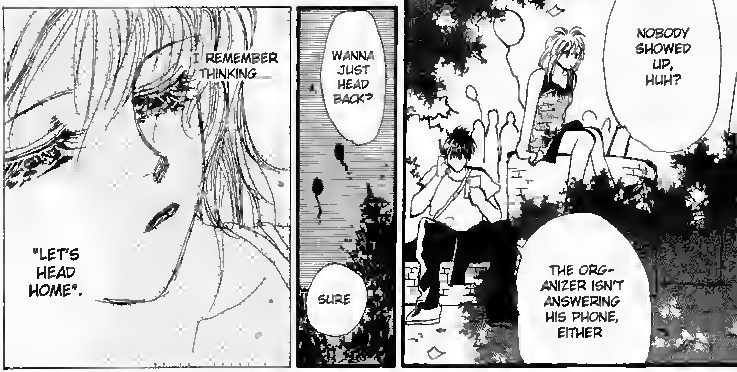
THAT WAS THE ISLAND WHERE WE WERE MEETING FOR THE REUNION
WOAH ...
SWEET!

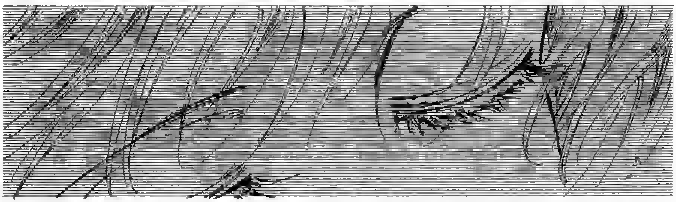
YOU CAN SEE 'EM ANYWHERE THESE DAYS.
WOW LOOK LOOK, KONOE,
A FERRIS WHEEL!
YAWN
IT SEEMS THERE'S A TRAIN TOO,
BUT IT DOESN'T START OPERATING UNTIL TOMORROW
OZAKI KONOE.
I SUPPOSE YOU COULD SAY HE'S MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND,
EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK, THEY CLAIM TO HAVE THE BEST IN THE WORLD
OR THE TALLEST, OR WHATEVER.
THAT'S PROBABLY PARTLY WHY HE'S NEVER GOTTEN A GIRLFRIEND.
HE'S ALWAYS SO INDECISIVE.
HIS WHOLE LIFE

WAN-GAN JUNGLE
BOASTS AN EXTRA-VAGANT HOTEL,
A SHOPPING CENTER, RESTAURANT, ATTRACTIONS
AND SEVERAL OTHER PLACES FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY THEM-SELVES
WITH A BOTAN-ICAL GARDEN
AND A PLEASURE CRUISE, TOO
THERE'S A HUGE EXHIBITION HALL
THE PARKS ARE LUSH AND GREEN.
WOAH
IT'S ALMOST LIKE WE'RE A COUPLE OR SOME-THING.
I GUESS WE ARE ONE
FOR THE MOMENT

THANK YOU FOR WAITING
ICED COFFEE
HERE
THAT'S ME!
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MEET AT THIS SHOP
I WONDER HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE COMING
WOW! WHAT A HOTTIE!
stare
STOP THAT, KANOE IT'S EMBARRASSING
FINE
beh
but it takes two to make a summer adventure of looove
HEY,
IS IT TRUE A BUNCH OF DEAD BODIES WERE DISCOVERED HERE DURING THE CONSTRUCTION?
whisper whisper

whisper whisper
THERE'S A CUTTHROAT MURDERER ON THIS ISLAND
THIS PATCH OF OCEAN IS CURSED. THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT AT SEA
THE OFFICIAL REPORT WAS THAT THERE'D BEEN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT.
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED AT ALL
OOH
A MURDERER, HUH
EVEN IF THERE IS,
THEY DON'T COME OUT UNTIL DARK
SLURP
ALL VISITORS BE ADVISED
THE ISLAND WILL BE LOCKED DOWN AT SIX O'CLOCK
PLEASE LEAVE THE ISLAND BY FIVE O'CLOCK THIS EVENING
SECURITY WILL HELP YOU FIND YOUR WAY
UNTIL IT RE-OPENS AT NINE O'CLOCK TOMORROW MORNING
EVERYONE S GOTTA LEAVE IN THE EVENING TODAY
SIWP SIWP
EXCUSE ME, COULD I GET ANOTHER ICED COFFEE?
YEAH, 'CUZ THE ACTUAL OPENING IS TOMORROW MORNING


NOBODY SHOWED UP, HUH?
THE ORGANIZER ISN'T ANSWERING HIS PHONE, EITHER
WANNA JUST HEAD BACK?
SURE
I REMEMBER THINKING...
"LET'S HEAD HOME".



IT WAS PITCH DARK.
WHEN I CAME TO,

CREAK
WOAH !
WHAP
WATCH IT, KANOE!
OW
WHERE ARE WE?!
WHAT ?
BANG
CLUNK
EH?!
WAIT, WHAT?!
HOLD ON, KONOE
CLANK
OUCH !
!?
HUH ?

I DON'T REMEMBER LEAVING WANGAN.
SO THIS MUST STILL BE WANGAN JUNGLE
AND THIS IS...
GARBAGE
PROBABLY A GARBAGE CAN
AND
IT'S 8:00.
WHY IN THE WORLD WERE WE INSIDE A GARBAGE CAN?!
WELL, WE HAD NO REASON TO PUT OURSELVES IN THERE
ARE YOU SAYING SOMEBODY THREW US AWAY?!
WHO COULD DO THAT?!
WHAT
AAAAH
WHAT DID WE DO TO DESERVE THIS?!
HMM
WHAT MADE US FALL SO DEEPLY ASLEEP?!
WE WERE TIRED
BUT NOT THAT TIRED!

AND THEY CLOSED AT SIX, RIGHT?
SO ALL THE OTHER GUESTS HAVE ALREADY LEFT?
8.00 P.M.
YOU SAID IT'S 8:00?
HUH ?
WAIT ...
THE SECURITY GUARDS MUST NOT HAVE REALIZED
THAT WE WERE INSIDE THE GARBAGE CAN.
.....

SO
DOES THAT MEAN
THAT NOW
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES ON THIS ISLAND?

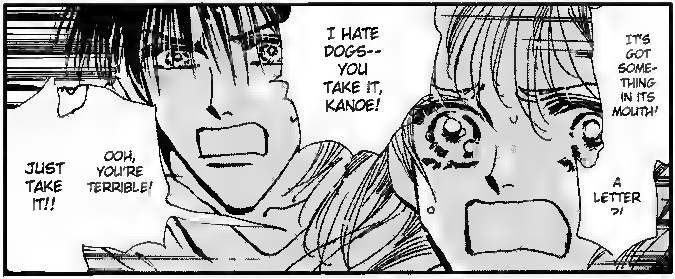
HOW CAN YOU ACT SO LAID-BACK?!
snore
SOME-THING REALLY WEIRD'S GOING ON!
SCRATCH SCRATCH
NOTHIN' WE CAN DO...
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GO BACK TO BED UNTIL MORN-ING
KONOE!
WE'RE PRO-BABLY NOT THE ONLY ONES
I BET THE PEOPLE PREPARING FOR TO-MORROW ARE STILL HERE...
yawn

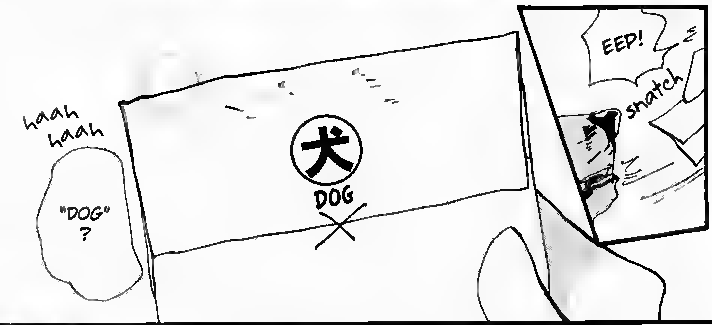
THERE'S NO POINT IN DAY-DREAMING
LET'S CALL HOME AND GET SOME-BODY TO COME PICK US UP!
Squeeze
YOU'RE SAFE
I'M HERE FOR YOU

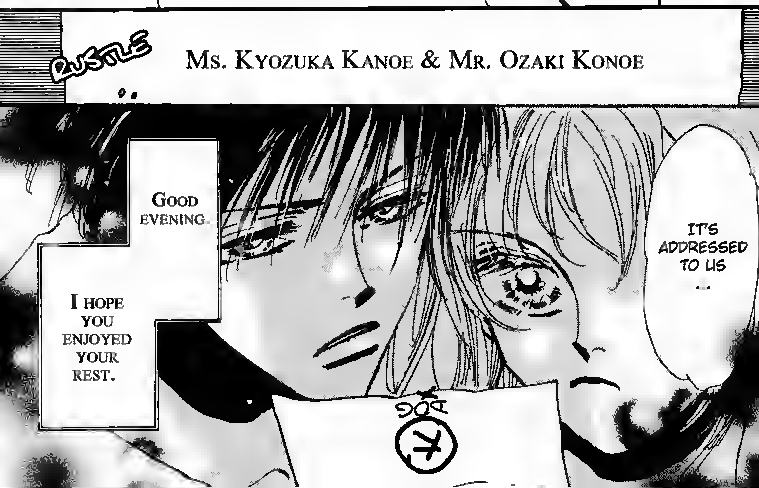
WERE THEY STOLEN?!
SO WE WERE ROBBED!
OH?
RUMMAGE
SO'S MINE.
HUH?!
MY CELL'S GONE!
MY WALLET MY WALLET
OH! IT'S HERE!
UMM, NOW, HOW MUCH DID I HAVE ON ME ..?
AGHHH, I CAN'T REMEMBER!
C..
CALM DOWN, KANOE
IT'D BE BAD TO NOT BE PANICKING RIGHT NOW!
AHHH,
WHAT ELSE WAS STOLEN?!
YOU'RE ALWAYS
SO LEVEL-HEADED,
SEEING THIS PANICKED SIDE OF YOU IS QUITE A SURPRISE
TMP
GRR...

GRR...
TMP
TMP

KONOE!
IT'S HUGE!
gah!
WOOF
yeep!

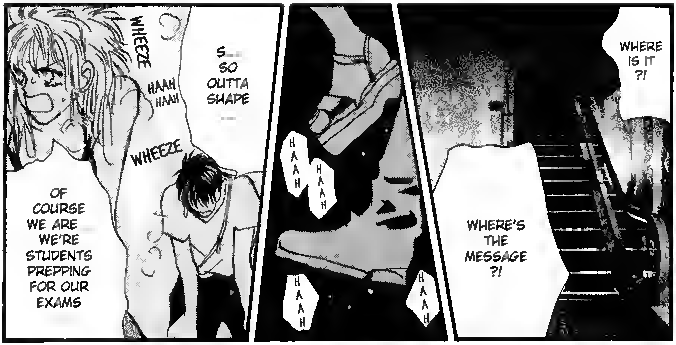

I HATE DOGS-- YOU TAKE IT, KANOE!
IT'S GOT SOME-THING IN ITS MOUTH!
JUST TAKE IT!!
OOH, YOU'RE TERRIBLE!
A LETTER ?!


EEP!
snatch
haah haah
犬
DOG
"DOG" ?


CHAPTER 1
MS. KYOZUKA KANOE & MR. OZAKI KONOE
GOOD EVENING.
I HOPE YOU ENJOYED YOUR REST.
IT'S ADDRESSED TO US ...
犬
DOG

TO PARTICIPATE IN A FUN LITTLE GAME.
I INVITED YOU BOTH TO THIS ISLAND
A GAME ?
INVITED ?!
WHERE YOU WILL RECEIVE ANOTHER MESSAGE.
FIRST, WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES,
YOU MUST RUN TO THE MERMAID PLAZA,
IF YOU DON'T MAKE IT THERE IN TIME,
THIS DOG MAY VERY WELL BITE YOU TO DEATH.
bark

bow wow
bark
bark
WHAT IS THIS ?!
THE MAP, THE MAP ...
WHERE'S THE MERMAID PLAZA ?!
I GOT ONE EARLIER
THIS IS IT, RIGHT ?!
Mermaid Plaza
bow wow
bark
AGAIN WITH THE LAID-BACK-NESS!
SINCE HE SET IT AS THE GOAL, IT'S PRO-BABLY POSSI-BLE.
IN THIRTY MIN-UTES ?!
WE HAVE TO GET CLEAR TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PARK



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DARKNESS

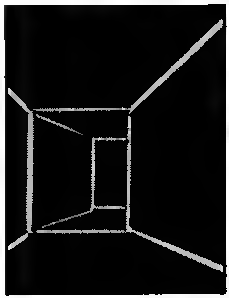
GOOD JOB.

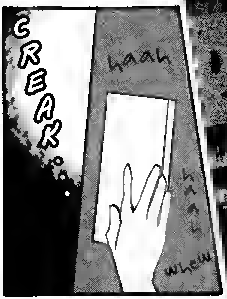
YOU NOW HAVE TWO HOURS
TO MAKE IT TO THE POSEIDON THEATER
AND FIND THE MESSAGE THERE.

IF YOU DON'T GET THERE IN TIME,
THE DOG MAY JUST BITE YOU.

GRR.
haah haah
THE POSEIDON THEATER
WE HAVE TO RUN TO THE COMPLETE OPPOSITE END AGAIN!
"DARK-NESS"?
AND THE LAST ONE WAS "DOG"?
WHAT'S WITH THESE SEALS...?
UWAAAAH!
THE CLASS REUNION WAS A LIE FROM VERY BEGINNING.
WHAT KIND OF GAME IS THIS?
WHO WOULD DO SOME-THING LIKE THIS?
SHIT
huff huff
I WISH I HADN'T WORN THESE SHOES!
haah haah
ALL YOUR SHOES ARE THE SAME!
clack clack

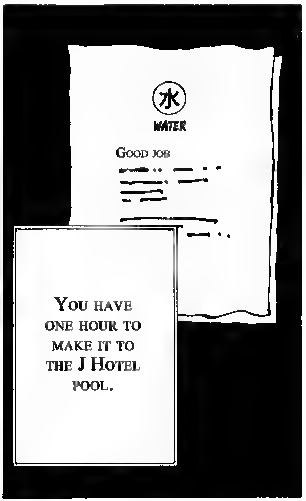
WHAT COULD IT BE?
WHAT WOULD MAKE SOMEONE DO THIS?
KONOE!
DOES ANYBODY HAVE A GRUDGE AGAINST YOU?!
PRO-BABLY NOT ME
BUT MAYBE AGAINST YOU!
AH!
PHONES!
SHOULD WE TRY TO CALL THE POLICE ?
IT SEEMS
THE FACILITIES ON THIS ISLAND WON'T BE OPERATING
UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING
THERE'S NO DIAL TONE



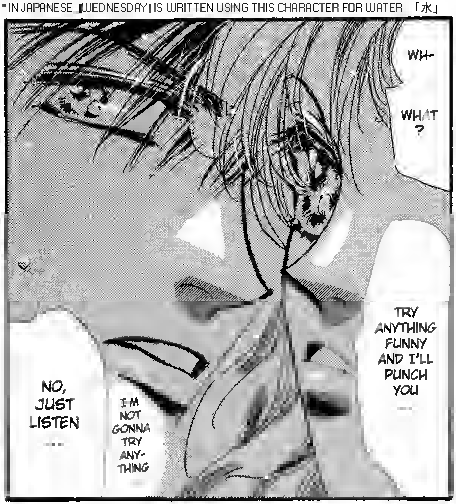


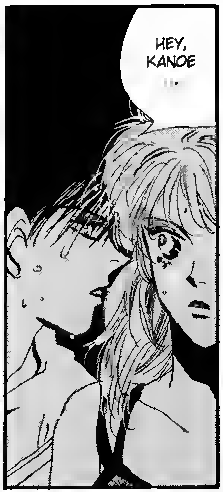
BUILDING POSEIDON THEATER

UWAAH
THIS REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING
SOMETHING TERRIBLE
KANDE
KONDE
...
I'M SCARED, TOO
OH!
LIGHT!

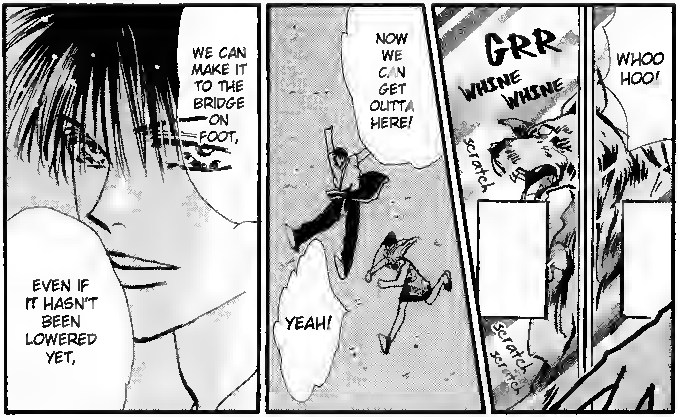


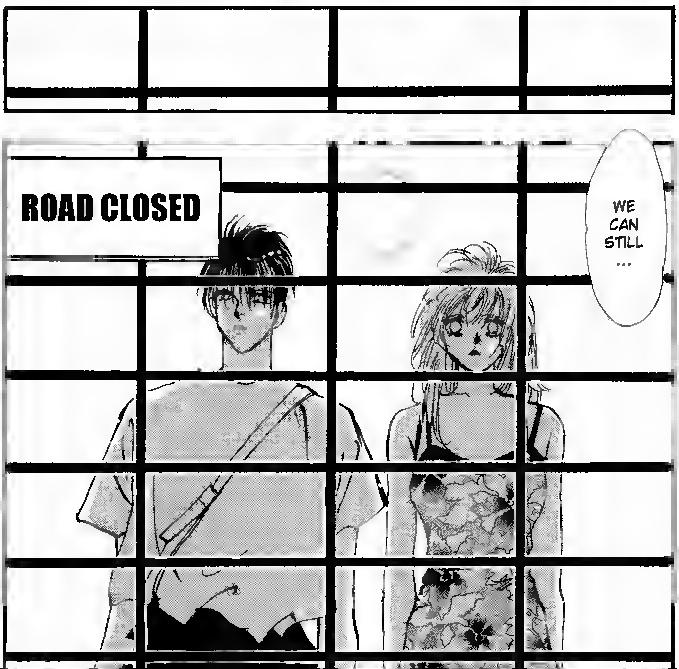
*IN JAPANESE, "WEDNESDAY" IS WRITTEN USING THIS CHARACTER FOR WATER 「水」





OKAY, NOW ON TO THE HOTEL
ONE TWO
DID MY HEART JUST
OK
SKIP A BEAT?
OK?
.....
BAM!


WE CAN MAKE IT TO THE BRIDGE ON FOOT,
EVEN IF IT HASN'T BEEN LOWERED YET,
NOW WE CAN GET OUTTA HERE!
YEAH!
GRR
WHINE WHINE
scratch
scratch scratch
WHOO HOO!


ROAD CLOSED
WE CAN STILL ...

THE CITY'S WITHIN SIGHT ...
AND IT SURE IS A PRETTY SIGHT AT NIGHT
IT'S RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF US
ROAD CLOSED
station
THE STATION
WELL, LET'S GO TO THE STATION
IF WE CAN WALK ALONG THE TRACKS, WE CAN GET OUT
COMPLETELY SHUT IN ...
WE'RE
NO WAY ...!

FWSHHH
THERE AREN'T ANY BOATS, EITHER ...
WHAT ?
NOTHIN'
I WAS JUST THINKING I'M GLAD I'M NOT ALONE
FWSHHH
IF I'D BEEN BY MYSELF I'D BE DEAD BY NOW
THE SAME GOES FOR ME
I'D HAVE KICKED THE BUCKET LONG AGO
BUT, JUST A LITTLE ...

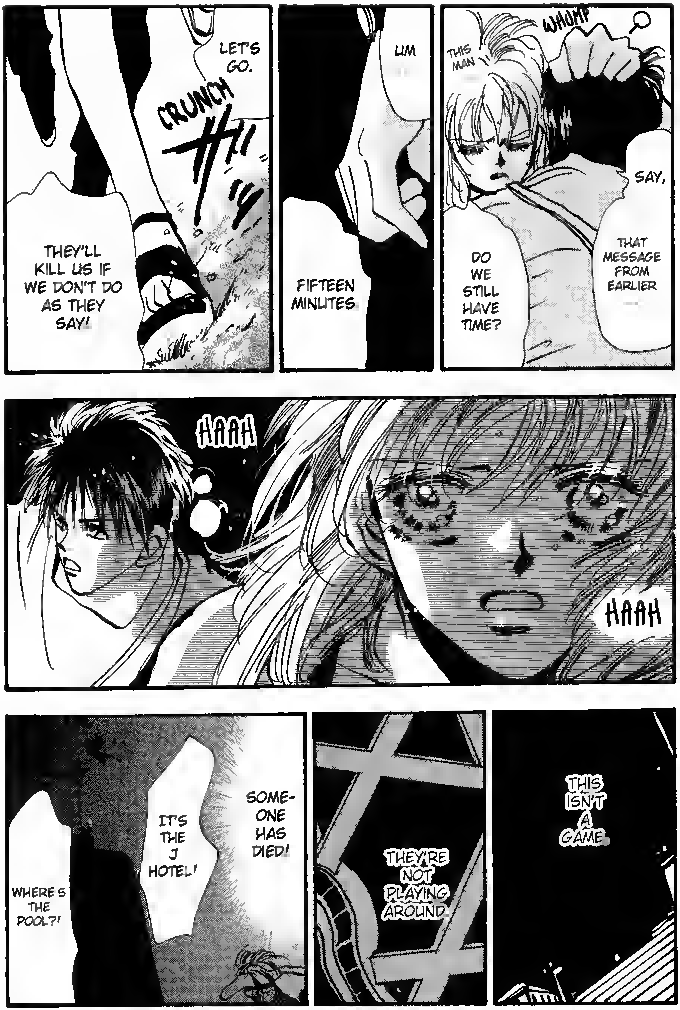
I WAS ALMOST ENJOY-ING MYSELF
YEARS AGO, WE WERE KNOWN AS
KANOE AND KONOE, THE KANOKO DUO.
WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR A WHILE, HUH?
SNAG
WHAM!

nyuk
nyuk
nyuk
DUMMY!
I TRIPPED ON SOME-THING!
WHAT'D
YOU TRIP OVER ...?

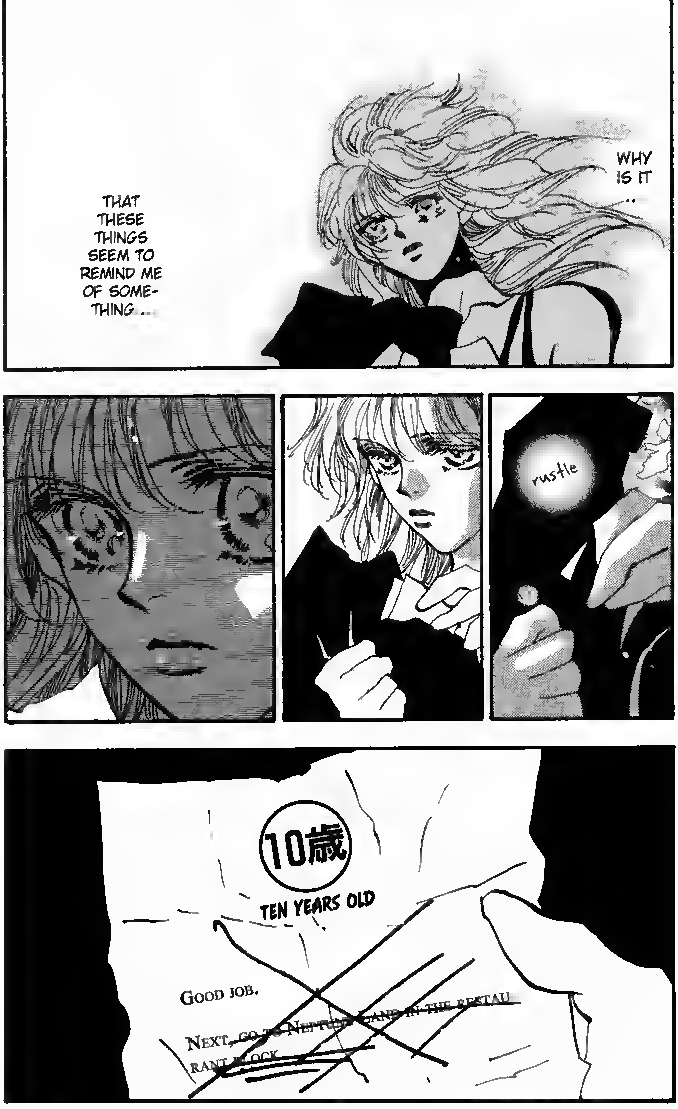
EYAHHH!!
EEEEEE
EEKK!!
IS
IS THAT REAL ?!
IT'S NOT A MANNE-QUIN?!
IT'S AN ACTUAL BODY ?!
THERE'S A CUT-THROAT MURDERER ON THIS ISLAND
DURING CONSTRUCTION A BUNCH OF DEAD BODIES WERE...
THERE'S A MURDERER HERE ?
COULD HE BE THE ONE WHO'S BEEN GIVING US THESE INSTRUC-TIONS?

SO
WE'RE
DEALING WITH A MURDERER ...?
WHEN THERE WAS NO ONE ELSE HERE, IT WAS SCARY ENOUGH...
BUT
THE ONE THAT IS HERE IS EVEN MORE FRIGHTENING
OH MAN
OH MAN
WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO, KONOE?! WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO...?!
UWAAAH-!

KONO
...
KO
...
I'M
I'M SCARED, TOO,
SO... HOLD ME.

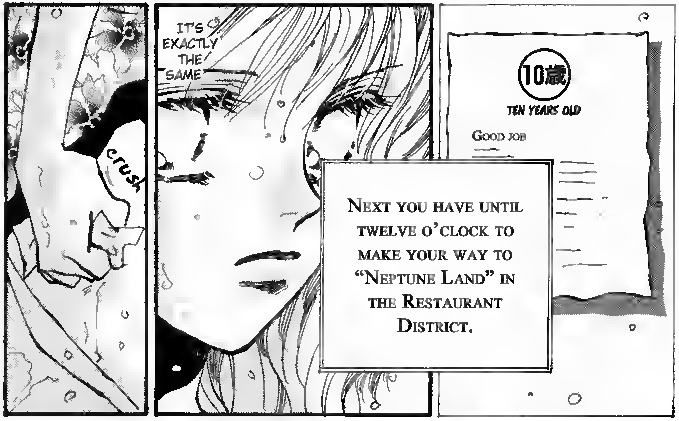

LET'S GO.
CRUNCH
THEY'LL KILL US IF WE DON'T DO AS THEY SAY!
UM
FIFTEEN MINUTES
WHOA!
THIS MAN
SAY,
THAT MESSAGE FROM EARLIER
DO WE STILL HAVE TIME?
AAAH
AAAH
SOME-ONE HAS DIED!
IT'S THE J HOTEL!
WHERE'S THE POOL?!
THEY'RE NOT PLAYING AROUND
THIS ISN'T A GAME.

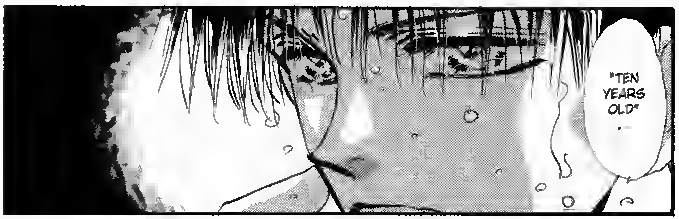
THERE IT IS!
THE MESSAGE IS IN THE WATER!
KLANG
I CAN'T SWIM!
I CAN'T EVEN STAND GOING IN
YEAH I KNOW
HOLD MY JACKET FOR ME, WOULD YOU?
HUP HUP
GOTTA STRETCH PROPERLY
SO LAID-BACK AGAIN!
sigh
I HATE BOTH THE DARK
AND THE WATER

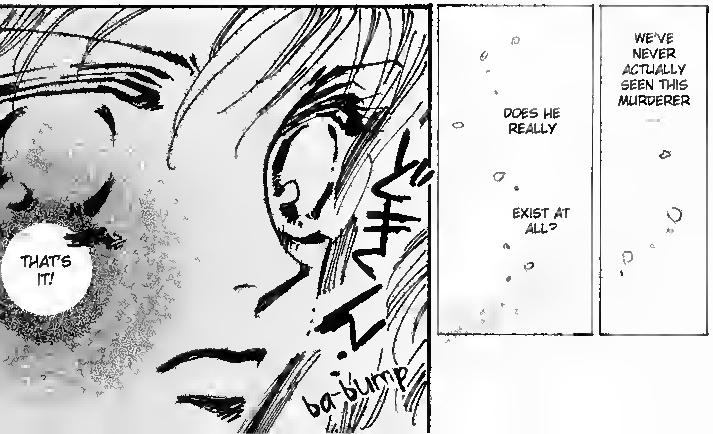

THAT THESE THINGS SEEM TO REMIND ME OF SOMETHING...
WHY IS IT ...
rustle
10歳
TEN YEARS OLD
GOOD JOB.
NEXT, GO TO NEPTUNE GAME IN THE RETAIL RANT BLOCK.

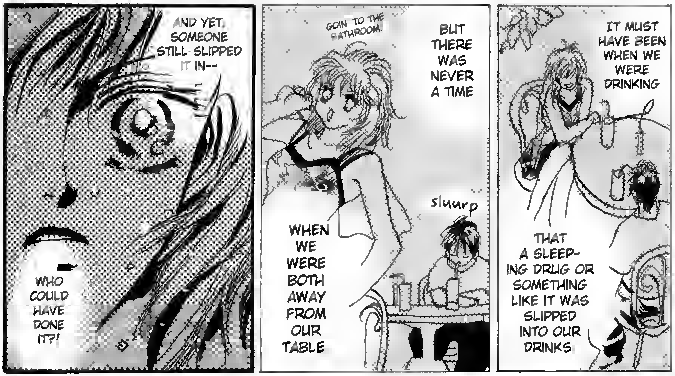
KANOE!
DOES KONOE
splash
splash splash splash
HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THIS...?
A SCRIBBLED-OUT NOTE?
WHY ...
DANGLE...
GYAAAH

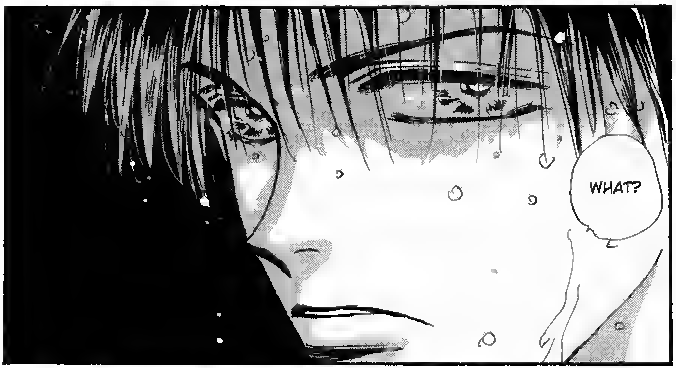
BLUB
GYAAAH!
SPLASH
KANOE!
STAND UP!
SPLASH
DID YOU SEE THE MURDER-ER?!
cough
hack
JUST NOW
BUT
RUSTLE
I DID GET THIS
JUST THE CORPSE.
NO ...


crush
IT'S EXACTLY THE SAME
10歳
TEN YEARS OLD
GOOD JOB
NEXT YOU HAVE UNTIL TWELVE O'CLOCK TO MAKE YOUR WAY TO "NEPTUNE LAND" IN THE RESTAURANT DISTRICT.


"TEN YEARS OLD"


THAT'S IT!
ba-bump
DOES HE REALLY EXIST AT ALL?
WE'VE NEVER ACTUALLY SEEN THIS MURDERER

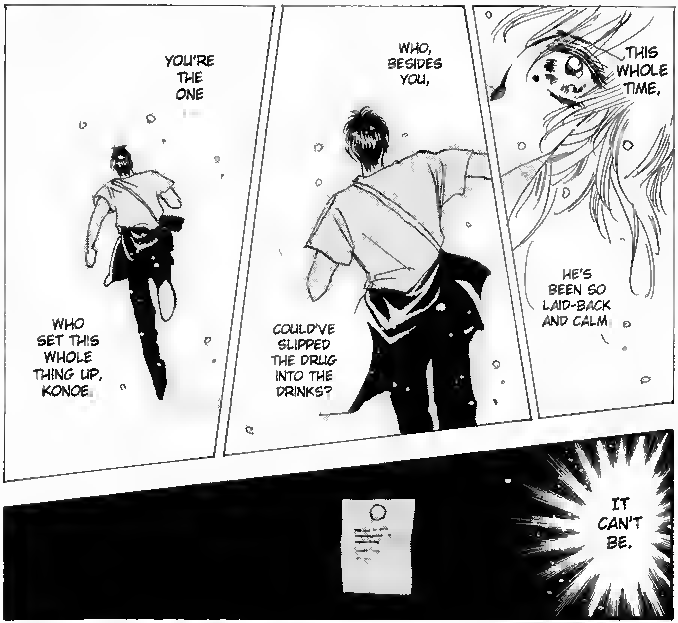

AND YET, SOMEONE STILL SLIPPED IT IN--
WHO COULD HAVE DONE IT?!
GOIN TO THE BATHROOM!
BUT THERE WAS NEVER A TIME
sluurp
WHEN WE WERE BOTH AWAY FROM OUR TABLE
IT MUST HAVE BEEN WHEN WE WERE DRINKING
THAT A SLEEPING DRUG OR SOMETHING LIKE IT WAS SLIPPED INTO OUR DRINKS

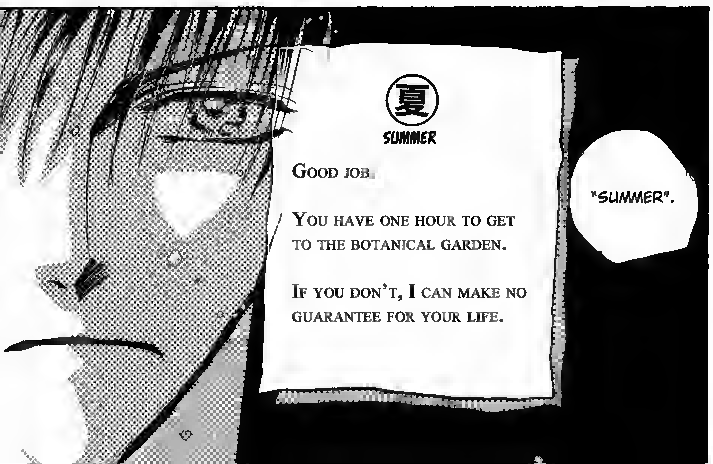

WHAT?

IT CAN'T BE ...
N... NO-THING !!!

"TEN YEARS OLD"
FOURTH GRADE
DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING?
THAT'S ALL THE MESSAGES SO FAR
"DOG"
"DARKNESS"
"WATER"
"TEN YEARS OLD"
ba-bump
IN THOSE DAYS,
THE SCHOOL KEPT RABBITS AND CHICKENS
THERE WAS AN INCIDENT WHERE THEY WERE KILLED..

AS THE ONE IN CHARGE OF THE ANIMALS, KONOE WAS SUSPECTED.
BUT HE NEVER DEFENDED HIMSELF AGAINST THE ACCUSATION
AND EVERYONE STARTED AVOIDING HIM
WELL,
FOR NOW,
SHALL WE MOVE ON?
I FORGOT ALL ABOUT IT..
SO WHY IS IT COMING BACK TO ME NOW..?
IT WASN'T KONOE ...
WAS IT?

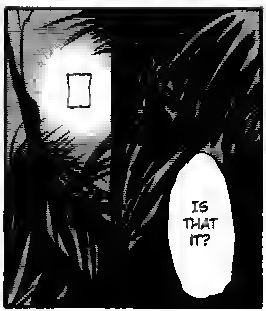

YOU'RE THE ONE
WHO SET THIS WHOLE THING UP, KONOE.
WHO, BESIDES YOU,
COULD'VE SLIPPED THE DRUG INTO THE DRINKS?
THIS WHOLE TIME,
HE'S BEEN SO LAID-BACK AND CALM.
IT CAN'T BE.

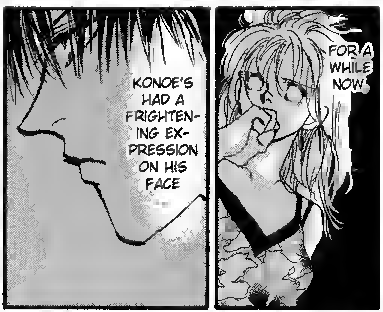

夏
SUMMER
GOOD JOB.
YOU HAVE ONE HOUR TO GET TO THE BOTANICAL GARDEN.
IF YOU DON'T, I CAN MAKE NO GUARANTEE FOR YOUR LIFE.
"SUMMER".

"SUM-MER".
I KNEW IT.
DON'T YOU REMEM-BER?
THIS GUY
HE'S TRYING TO GET US TO REMEMBER SOMETHING
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO'S DOING THAT?
KANOE?

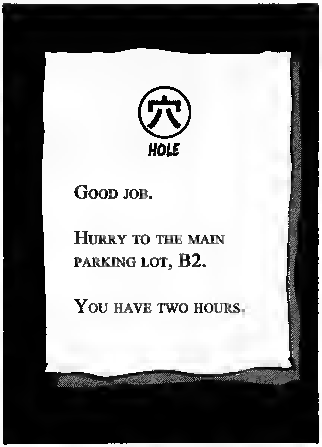
SINCE THE BEGINNING,
THERE'S BEEN NO ONE HERE
BUT US.
THE BOTANICAL GARDEN IS NEXT.
WE'D BETTER GO AND SEE WHAT'S THERE

I'M SCARED...
AT NIGHT, THE PLANTS ARE
FRIGHTENING
KONOE...

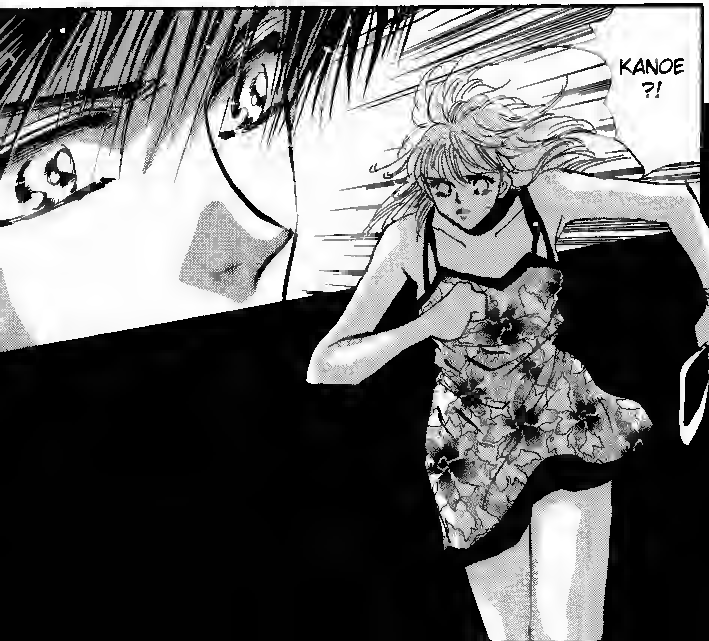

IS THAT IT?

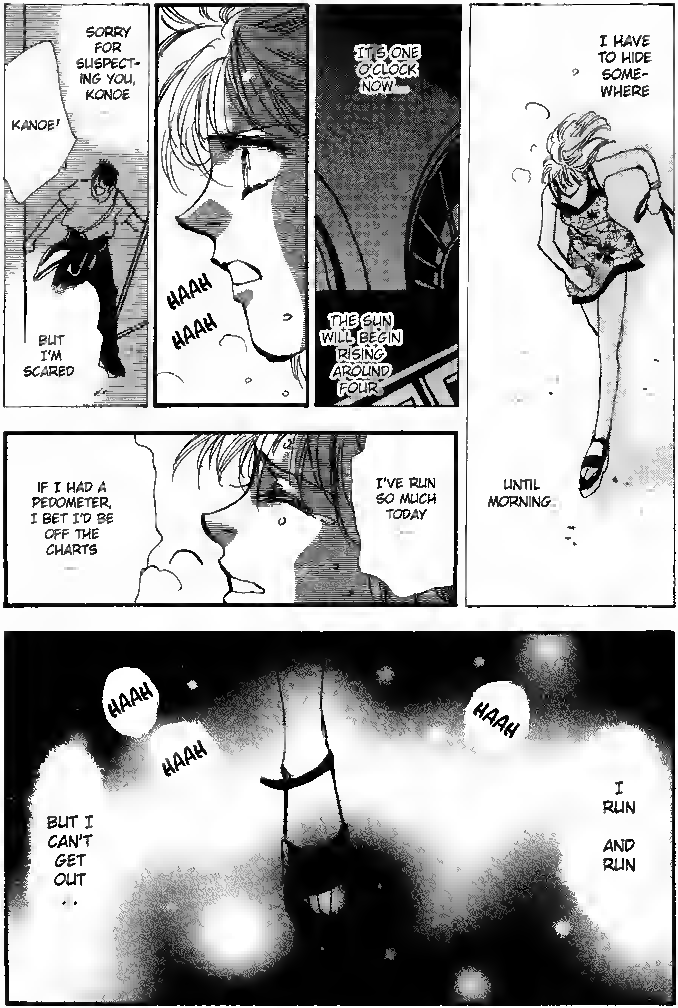

KONOE'S HAD A FRIGHTENING EXPRESSION ON HIS FACE
FOR A WHILE NOW.

"HOLE"
I WAS RIGHT


穴
HOLE
GOOD JOB.
HURRY TO THE MAIN PARKING LOT, B2.
YOU HAVE TWO HOURS.

KANO-
KANOE

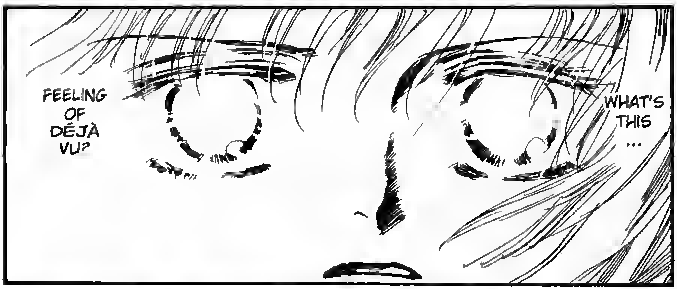

KANOE ?!


SORRY FOR SUSPECTING YOU, KONOE
KANOE!
BUT I'M SCARED
HAAH HAAH
IT'S ONE O'CLOCK NOW
THE SUN WILL BEGIN RISING AROUND FOUR
I HAVE TO HIDE SOMEWHERE
UNTIL MORNING
IF I HAD A PEDOMETER, I BET I'D BE OFF THE CHARTS
I'VE RUN SO MUCH TODAY
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
BUT I CAN'T GET OUT . .
I RUN AND RUN

I CAN'T ESCAPE
THIS ISLAND.
I CAN ONLY GAZE AT THE FAR-OFF, BEAUTIFUL CITY LIGHTS IN THE NIGHT.
FROM THIS DESERTED, CONCRETE ISLAND

SLIDE
GYAAH!
SLIP
HAAH HAAH
WHERE
WHERE CAN I HIDE...?
CRUMBLE
SLIDE
SPLASH
SPLISH

A TUNNEL ?!
HAAH HAAH
CAN I MAKE IT?
I CAN'T CLIMB UP THAT ...
NO WAY
ba-bump
ba-bump
ba-bump
MY HEART'S POUND-ING...
WHAT'S THIS?
A LIGHT
stagger
I WONDER IF IT CON-NECTS TO ANYTHING
LIKE SOMEPLACE WHERE THERE'S NO WATER
I HATE WATER...
SPLISH


FEELING OF DÉJÀ VU?
WHAT'S THIS ...

WHEN?
IT WAS DARK
INSIDE THE HOLE
AND THERE WAS WATER ...
HAS SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED BEFORE?
WHEN?

SPLISH
THROB
MY HEAD ...

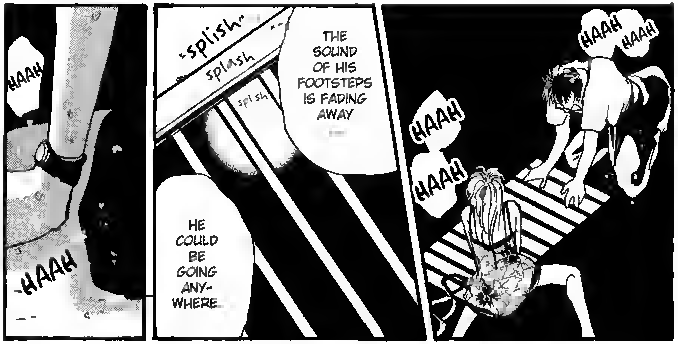
DAMMIT
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE MESSAGE FIRST
P
COULDN'T YOU HAVE JUST TAKEN ME WITH YOU?! HEEY!
WHY'D YOU GO OFF ON YOUR OWN?
THE BATH ROOM?
WHERE'D YOU GO, KANOE?
HEY!
THERE IT IS
HUFF... PUFF
.....
I KNEW IT...

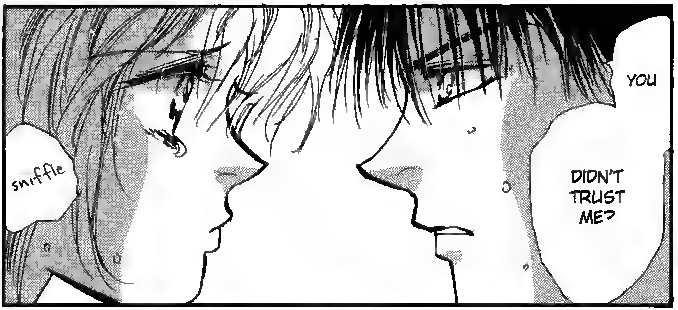
EEEEEEEK
キャアアアア...
EEEK
アア...
KANOE ?!
RATTLE

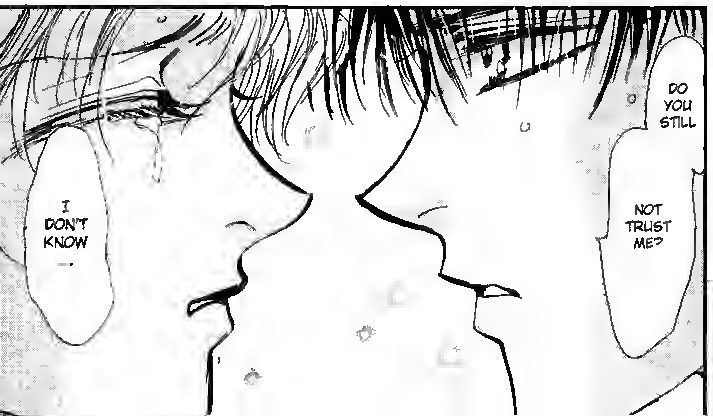
THE MURDERER ...
Y-
HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE A MURDERER ...
YOU'RE
KONOE ...
NOT ...

WHAT WAS THE POINT?
splish
WE DID AS YOUR MESSAGES SAID, DIDN'T WE—?
splash
WAS THIS ALL JUST SOME SORT OF GAME?
I'M JUST ABOUT TO TAKE MY EXAMS!
PLEASE, DON'T KILL ME
KANOE!!

SWSH
SPLASH
KONOE !!
THAT LADDER LEADS TO THE PARKING LOT!
splash splash
COME ON!
HURRY!
CLOSE IT!
WHAM

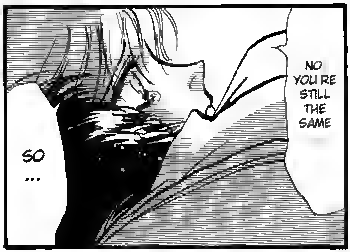

HAAH
HAAH
-splish-
splash
THE SOUND OF HIS FOOTSTEPS IS FADING AWAY
HE COULD BE GOING ANY-WHERE
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH


YOU
DIDN'T TRUST ME?
sniffle


DO YOU STILL
NOT TRUST ME?
I DON'T KNOW

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

SO WHY DO YOU DOUBT ME NOW?
HAVE I CHANGED?


NO YOU'RE STILL THE SAME
SO ...

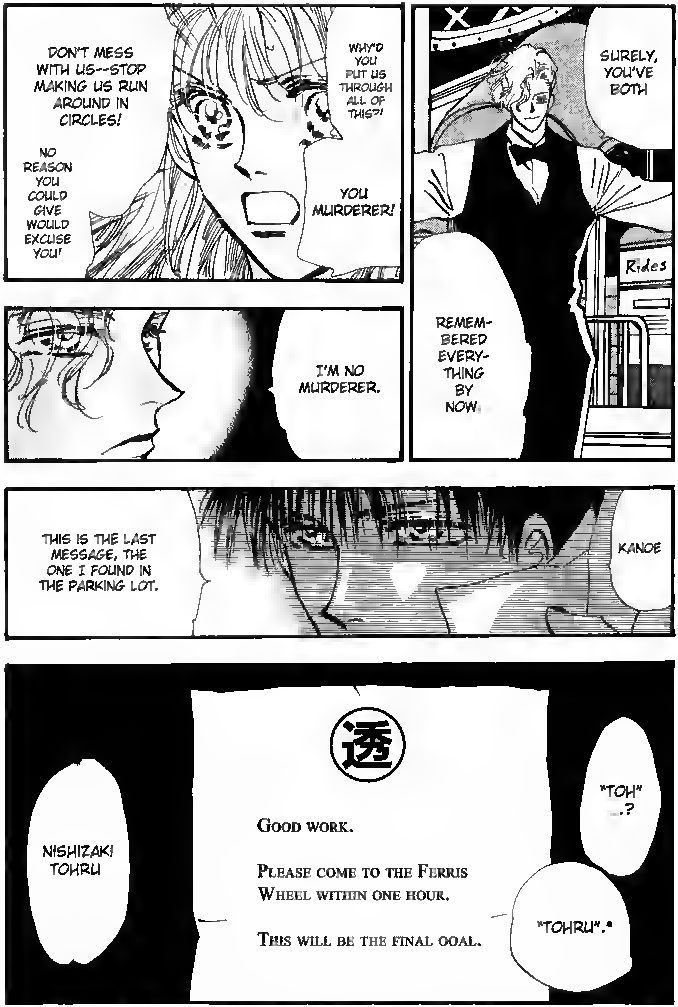
WHEN I WAS ACCUSED OF KILLING THOSE RABBITS...
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE WHO BELIEVED IN ME

AND I DON'T UNDER-STAND
ANY MORE THAN I DID BEFORE.
SINCE YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED,
NEITHER HAS THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US...
WHAT IS UNKNOWN REMAINS UNKNOWN
AN UNCHANGING CONSTANT.
KONOE.
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT,

I WOULDN'T MIND CHANGING A LITTLE!
BUT I'M SHY.
YOU SAID IT YOURSELF
hehehe
I DOUBTED YOU
BECAUSE I FOUND THIS IN YOUR POCKET.
A SCRIBBLED OUT MESSAGE
HM?
IN OTHER WORDS
A MESSAGE THE MURDERER PUT IN MY POCKET WHEN HE STOLE OUR CELL PHONES
YOU DON'T THINK OF THAT?
AH JEEZ
YOU'RE RIGHT I'M SORRY
I HAVE A GENERAL IDEA OF WHAT'S GOING ON
BUT
WE WERE IN ENOUGH DANGER JUST TRYING TO GET OURSELVES OUT OF THIS MESS
IF YOU DIDN'T REMEMBER,
THEN I THOUGHT IT WAS BEST IF THINGS STAYED THAT WAY,
YOU KNOW WHAT THIS'S ALL ABOUT?
A LITTLE WHILE AGO,
I FOUND THE LAST MESSAGE IN THE PARKING LOT

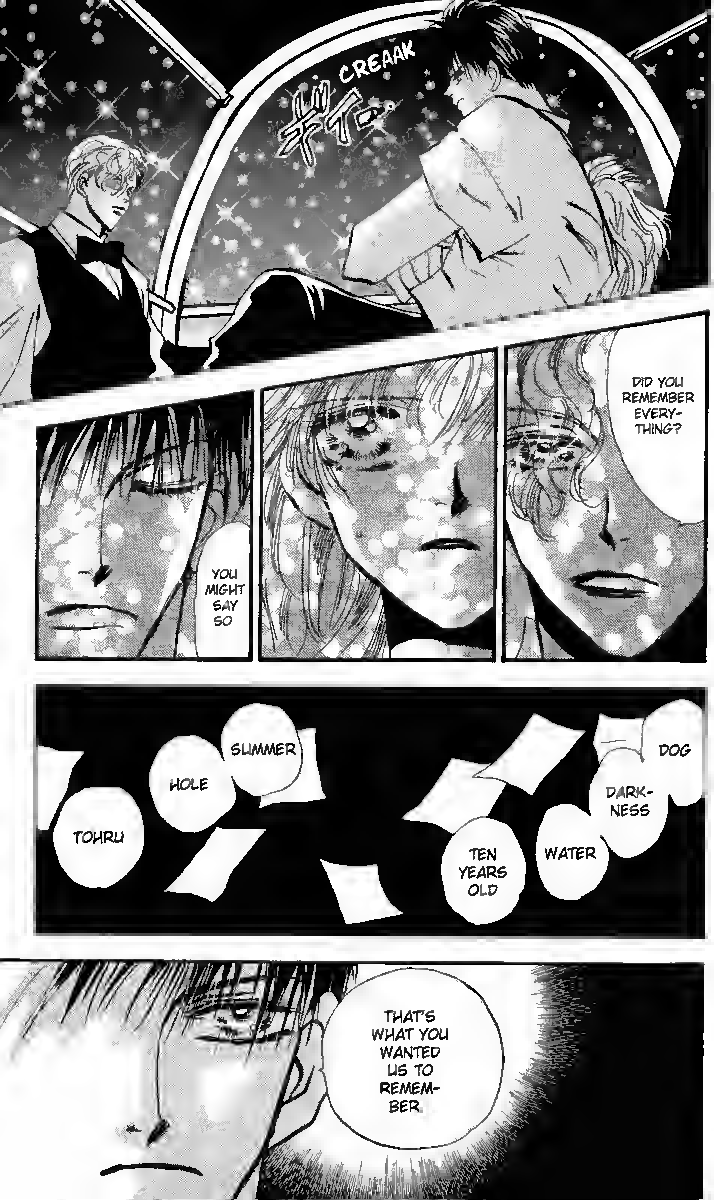
THE LAST PLACE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO GO
IS THE FERRIS WHEEL.
IT'S MOVING ...
tmp ...
WEL-COME.
WELL DONE, YOU TWO.

AH!
WHERE HAVE I SEEN Y--
AHH!!
IT'S THAT HOT WAITER!
I SEE
IT ALREADY SEEMS LIKE IT WAS SO LONG AGO
YOU WOULD'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SLIP SLEEPING DRUGS INTO OUR DRINKS.
THAT'S RIGHT
AND I PUT THE TWO OF YOU, SLEEPING,
INTO THE GARBAGE CAN
I TOOK YOUR CELL PHONES, AND PLANTED THE SCRIBBLED-OUT NOTE


DON'T MESS WITH US--STOP MAKING US RUN AROUND IN CIRCLES!
WHY'D YOU PUT US THROUGH ALL OF THIS?!
NO REASON YOU COULD GIVE WOULD EXCUSE YOU!
YOU MURDERER!
I'M NO MURDERER.
SURELY, YOU'VE BOTH
Rides
REMEMBERED EVERYTHING BY NOW.
THIS IS THE LAST MESSAGE, THE ONE I FOUND IN THE PARKING LOT.
KANOE
透
GOOD WORK.
PLEASE COME TO THE FERRIS WHEEL WITHIN ONE HOUR.
THIS WILL BE THE FINAL GOAL.
NISHIZAKI TOHRU
"TOH"...?
"TOHRU".*

 *THIS KANJI MEANS [TRANSPARENT] AMONG OTHER THINGS BUT CAN ALSO BE USED AS A NAME

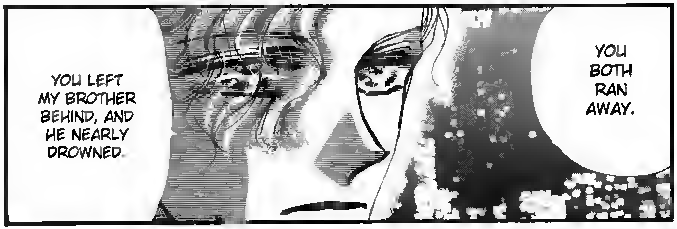
NISHI-ZAKI
TOHRU ?
AH ...?
TOHRU-CHAN?
I'M TANIGUCHI MAKOTO
MY PARENTS WERE DIVORCED AND MY LAST NAME CHANGED
BUT I'M TOHRU'S YOUNGER BROTHER.
MY BROTHER IS
DEAD.
4
WHY DON'T WE CONTINUE THIS CONVERSATION INSIDE?
PLEASE, GET ON.

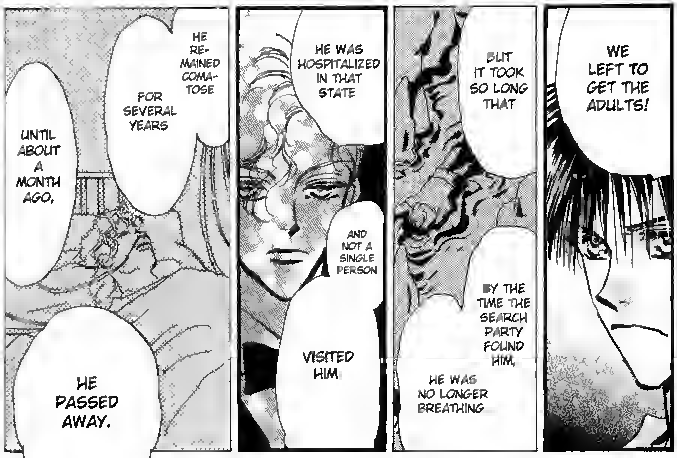

CREAAK
キィー
DID YOU REMEMBER EVERY-THING?
YOU MIGHT SAY SO
SUMMER
HOLE
TOHRU
TEN YEARS OLD
WATER
DARK-NESS
DOG
THAT'S WHAT YOU WANTED US TO REMEM-BER.

THE SUMMER WE WERE TEN,
IN THE CAVE ON INUNAKI MOUNTAIN,
IN THE PITCH BLACK DARKNESS,
TOHRU NEARLY DROWNED
KANO, KONO!
LET'S GO TO THE INUNAKI MOUNTAIN CAVE!

IT WAS TOHRU-CHAN.
I BROUGHT A FLASHLIGHT AND A ROPE, SO WE WON'T GET LOST!
IT'LL BE FINE!
WE SHOULDN'T GO THERE SENSEI SAID IT'S DANGEROUS
NO WAY
SO WE WENT IN THAT CAVE
SOMETHING HAPPENED.

WE RAN AWAY.


YOU BOTH RAN AWAY.
YOU LEFT MY BROTHER BEHIND, AND HE NEARLY DROWNED.


WE LEFT TO GET THE ADULTS!
BUT IT TOOK SO LONG THAT
BY THE TIME THE SEARCH PARTY FOUND HIM,
HE WAS NO LONGER BREATHING.
HE WAS HOSPITALIZED IN THAT STATE
AND NOT A SINGLE PERSON
VISITED HIM.
HE RE-MAINED COMA-TOSE
FOR SEVERAL YEARS
UNTIL ABOUT A MONTH AGO,
HE PASSED AWAY.

I WANTED YOU TO REMEMBER.
YOU FORGOT, DIDN'T YOU?
WITHOUT GIVING MY BROTHER A SINGLE THOUGHT.
YOU JUST WENT ON LIVING YOUR HAPPY LITTLE LIVES
HOW ?
HOW COULD I HAVE FOR-GOTTEN?
HUMAN BEINGS
ARE PRO-GRAMMED TO WIPE
TRAUMATIC EVENTS FROM THEIR MEMORIES
SO

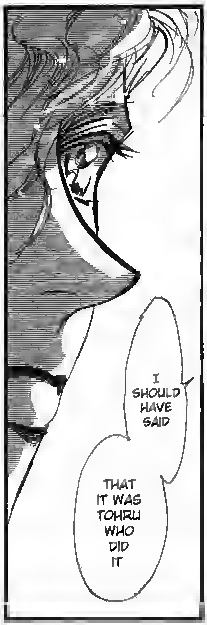
I JUST WANTED TO GIVE YOUR MEMORIES A LITTLE JOG.
I NEVER WISHED TO KILL YOU.
NOT AT ALL.
I WANTED YOU TO FEEL THE SAME WAY HE DID
BUT I DID WANT TO GIVE YOU A TASTE OF HOW MY BROTHER MUST HAVE FELT
HOW HELPLESS HE MUST HAVE BEEN,
TRAPPED BLINDLY IN THE DARK ...
NO.

I THINK THE REASON KANOE LOST HER MEMORY
WAS DUE TO THE DEGREE OF SHOCK SHE RECEIVED.
YOU'RE WRONG.
BACK THEN, I SOMEHOW GOT SEPARATED
FROM THE TWO OF THEM.
HOW SO?

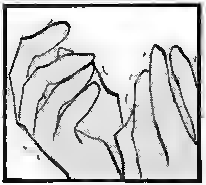
BUT THAT HAD ACTUALLY BEEN THE PLAN ALL ALONG.
TOHRU'S PLAN

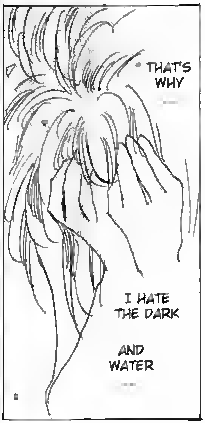
I TRIED RABBIT AND CHICKEN,
SO I THOUGHT IT'D BE FUN TO TRY A HUMAN GIRL, TOO
WHAT ?
TOHRU-CHAN
YOU'VE GOT A NICE AND PLUMP BODY
ACCORDING TO MY BOOK OF BLACK MAGIC
A SACRIFICE IS REQUIRED TO SUMMON A DEMON
LET'S SEE HOW YOU DO, KANOE-CHAN
LET ME SEE THE CRIMSON COLOR OF THE INSIDE OF YOUR STOMACH
KANOE-CHAN.

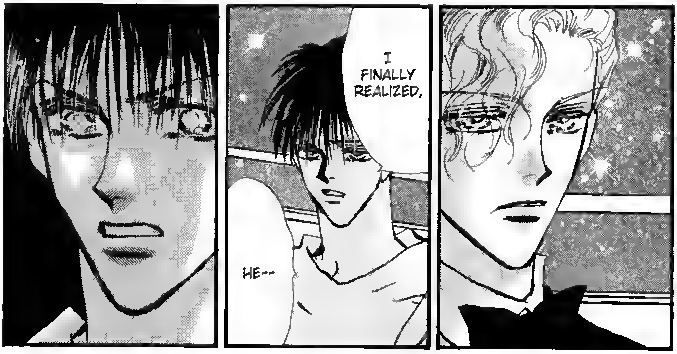
EEEEK!
TSK!
I THOUGHT I DITCHED YOU.
KANOE-CHAN IS MINE!
ZAH
HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
KONO!
KANOE!
EEK!
HEY! LET GO!
SHOVE
SPLASH


I SHOULD HAVE SAID
THAT IT WAS TOHRU WHO DID IT

I KNEW THAT BASTARD HAD KILLED THE RABBITS!
I WANTED TO STOP HIM,
BUT EVERYONE KEPT QUIET.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT.

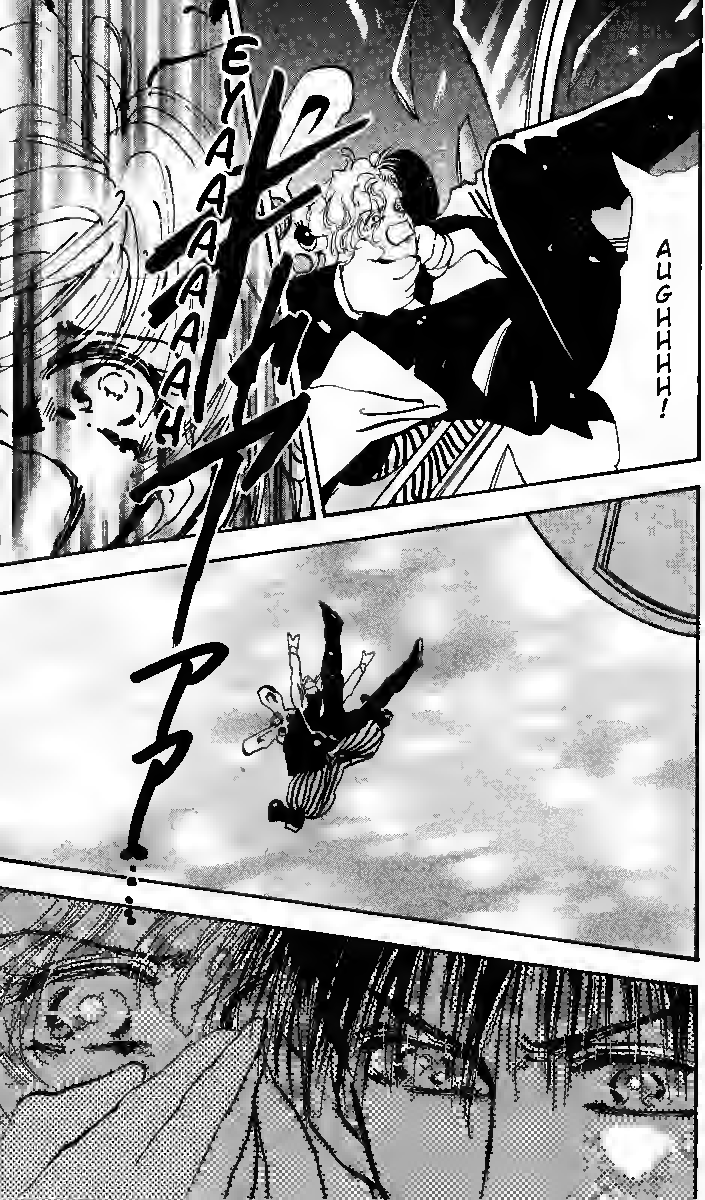



THAT'S WHY
I HATE THE DARK
AND WATER


I FINALLY REALIZED,
HE--

SO YOU WEREN'T THE MURDERER?!

A MURDERER?
OF RABBITS?
CRASH


AUGHHH!
EYAAAAAAAAH
THP

SPLISH
HEY!
ARE YOU OKAY ?!
AAAAAH
HEEY!
SHUNK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
COME ON!!
HURRY UP, FERRIS WHEEL!
DAMMIT!

HOLD ON!
SPLASH
SPLISH
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
THE MURDERER?
HAAH
HAAH
I DON'T KNOW
HE CUSHIONED MY FALL
MAYBE HE SANK...?

IF ONLY I COULD HAVE PULLED HIM OUT IN TIME ...
IF ONLY ... BACK THEN ...
NO ...
THERE'S NO DENYING THAT WE RAN AWAY
I'M SORRY
splash
splish
MAYBE IT WAS MY BROTHER'S GHOST ...
THE MURDERER.

MY BROTHER SUMMONED
THE DEMON
OR MAYBE IT WAS
AH.
THE SUN'S RISING.
IN THE LIGHT OF DAY,
IT ALL SEEMS KIND OF SILLY, DOESN'T IT?
YEAH ...

EVEN BEFORE THEN
BECAUSE I LIKE YOU BUT ALSO BECAUSE
KANOE
WHY HAVE YOU BEEN PROTECTING ME SINCE THAT INCIDENT?
MY NAME IS "KANOE"*,
I'M HERE TO PROTECT YOU.

*KANOE'S NAME IS WRITTEN WITH THE CHARACTERS 「近衛」 OR 「IMPERIAL GUARD」 (LITERALLY 「CLOSE-BY PROTECTION」)

I ALWAYS THINK ABOUT HOW I WANT TO PROTECT YOU.
SHYLY
MMH
TODAY IS A GOOD DAY FOR TEARS
GO AHEAD AND CRY

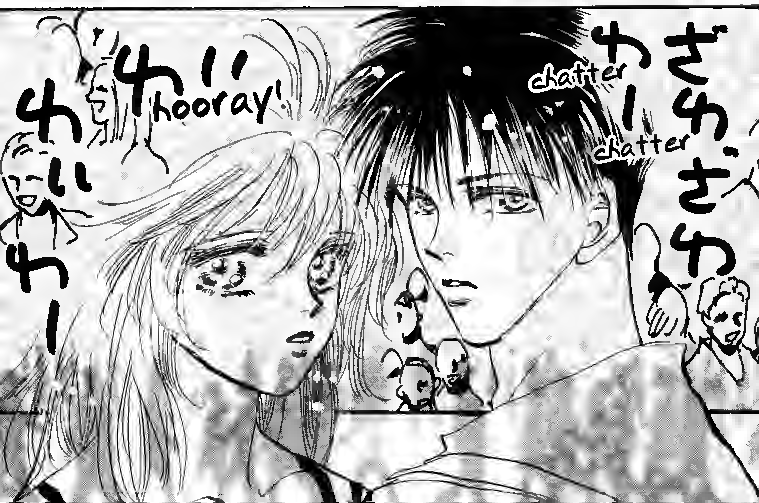
kiss
kiss

GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT, HUH?
CAUGHT UP,
KISS

SIGH
I WANNA BRUSH MY TEETH
smooch
smooch
SWEPT AWAY
LIKE THIS

I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.

THE GATES OPEN AT NINE AM.
わいわい
Kyaaay
WANGAN JUNGLE IS OFFICIALLY OPEN!
Whoo
わーい


ざわざわ
chatter
わーい
chatter
hooray!
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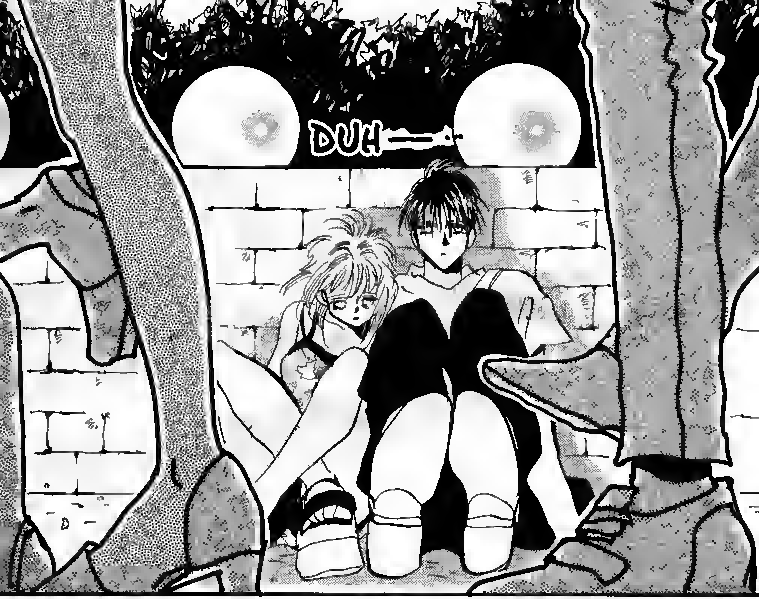
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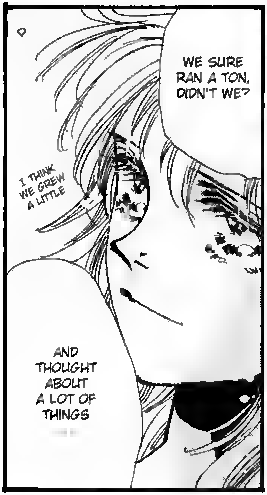
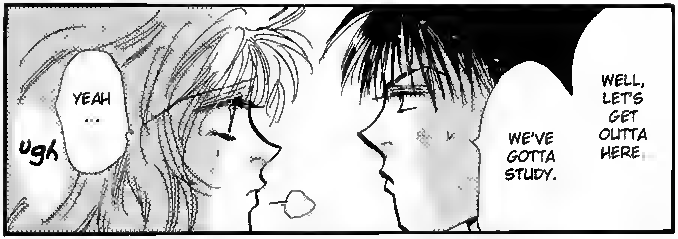
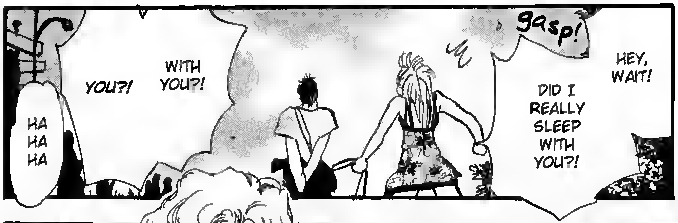

WE SURE RAN A TON, DIDN'T WE?
I THINK WE GREW A LITTLE
AND THOUGHT ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS

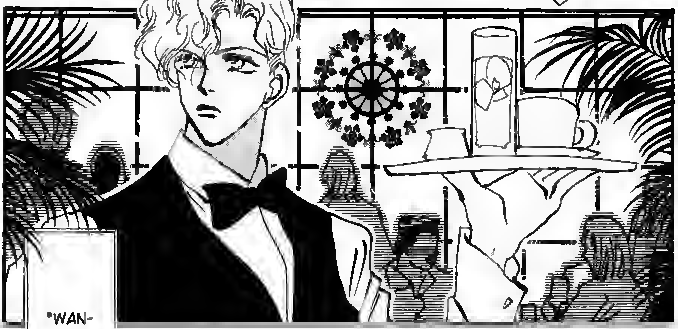
IT'S BEEN A LONG NIGHT
sigh
IT'S LIKE WE WERE IN ANOTHER DIMENSION
WHAT ABOUT THE CORPSES?

NONE OF IT SEEMS REAL
eek!
whee!
NOT THIS PLACE, NOT ANY OF IT

WHILE WE RAN,
TRYING TO ESCAPE...
OUR HEARTS WENT ON QUITE A JOURNEY THEMSELVES.







"WAN-GAN JUNGLE"

THE FLOATING ISLAND OF DREAMS,
THE HUGE AMUSEMENT PARK...
WATER-FRONT WANGAN JUNGLE ...

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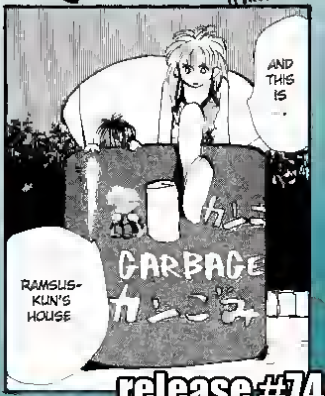

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